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**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES**
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20548

FILE: B-209391; B-209392 **DATE:** December 20, 1982

MATTER OF: SAFE Export Corporation

DIGEST:

1. Contention that more restrictive specifications should be used generally is not reviewable under GAO bid protest function.
2. Contention that specifications issued by procuring activity are not consistent with agency policy is not reviewable by GAO since matter is one to be resolved within the agency involved.

SAFE Export Corporation protests the issuance of several solicitations by the United States Army Contracting Agency, Europe, and the United States Army Engineer District, Europe, for smoke alarm systems. SAFE contends that the solicitations are inconsistent with United States Army-Europe policy in that they do not require the alarms to meet the standards of Underwriters Laboratory. The protests are dismissed.

Our Office generally will not consider an allegation that an agency should adopt a more restrictive specification. Security Assistance Forces & Equipment OHG, B-209555, November 16, 1982, 82-2 CPD _____. We also regard the question of whether the Army's procuring activities are purchasing equipment which is consistent with Army policy as an internal matter which must be resolved within the Army. As we stated in Security Assistance Forces & Equipment OHG, supra, "there simply is no legal requirement, enforceable by this Office, that the [procuring activity] use specifications adhering to UL standards."

Accordingly, we dismiss the protests.

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